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***Remarks***

By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended the international application to place the specification into proper format for U.S. practice. In particular, Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the international application was published in English. Hence, no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendment, and entry and consideration of the same is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

It is respectfully believed that this application is now in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite

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prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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